

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 8, 10, 11, 15, 16, 19 and 23 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as allegedly being obvious over Rochberger in view of Modiri et al. It appears that the remaining Claims 4-7, 9, 12-14, 17, 18, 20-22 and 24-25 should be allowable per the indication of same.

Therefore, Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of Claim 5 therein. Claims 4, 6 and 7 are amended into independent form.

Claim 8 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 12. Claims 9, 13, and 14 are amended into independent form.

Claim 16 is amended to include the limitations of Claim 17, and Claim 18 is amended into independent form.

Claim 19 is amended to include the limitations of Claim 21. Claim 20 and 22 are amended into independent form.

Finally, Claim 23 is amended to include the limitations of Claim 24 therein.

This should render all claims allowable, and a notice of allowance is hence respectfully requested.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

Applicant asks that all claims be allowed. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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